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June 30, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 June 30, 2015


PATRICK O'QUINN
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**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING SUB-AWARD AND FUTURE SUB-AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO SUPPORT THE KEEPING IT REAL TOGETHER: INTERGRATING SUCCESSFUL PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS INTO LARGE URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITY SYSTEMS PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming sub-award and future sub-awards and/or amendments from the University of Southern California for the Keeping It Real Together: Integrating Successful Pregnancy Prevention Programs into Large Urban School Districts and Community Systems project for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming sub-award with a mutual indemnification provision from the University of Southern California (USC) for the Keeping It Real Together: Integrating Successful Pregnancy Prevention Programs into Large Urban School Districts and Community Systems (KIR-T) project at an estimated amount of \$286,515 for the anticipated period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DPH, or her designee, to accept future sub-awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the USC sub-award that extend the term through June 30, 2020, at amounts to be determined by USC; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the sub-award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the sub-award through December 31, 2020; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each sub-award term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept and implement a forthcoming sub-award from USC for the anticipated period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for the KIR-T project.

KIR-T builds on the work completed under a previous sub-award for the Keeping It Real (KIR) project. The KIR project to prevent sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and pregnancy among adolescents in Los Angeles County successfully implemented an evidence-based, 24-lesson sexual risk reduction curriculum in 7th and 8th grade classes in 24 middle schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Compton Unified School District (CUSD). The KIR-T project is expected to match or exceed the success of the KIR project by expanding the number of middle schools that receive the evidence-based curriculum by forming new partnerships with Soledad Enrichment Action Charter School (SEA), The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health, Cardea Services, Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, and Visión y Compromiso; and by reaching: 1) parents of middle school students with an effective program to increase parental communication; and 2) alternative high school students with an effective program to reduce sexual risk and increase protective behavior.

The goals of the project are to: 1) engage and mobilize community stakeholders to develop a plan to prevent teenage pregnancy; 2) implement an evidence-based sex education curriculum ("It's Your Game...Keep It Real" or IYG) in LAUSD and CUSD middle schools to delay the onset of sexual activity; 3) implement an evidence-based sex education curriculum ("Be Proud! Be Responsible!") in SEA charter alternative high school sites to reduce sexual risk behavior; 4) implement an evidence-based program ("Families Talking Together") for parents through Wellness Networks to increase parents' effective communication with their children about reducing sexual risk behaviors; 5) link adolescents to youth-appropriate reproductive health care services; 6) evaluate and refine curricula implementation; and 7) develop a sustainability plan that will allow LAUSD, CUSD, SEA and the Wellness Networks to continue utilization of the curricula in areas with high teen birth rates and high rates of STDs after the project ends. The project is expected to reduce teenage birth rates and STD incidence, particularly chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future sub-awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming sub-award from USC to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each sub-award term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept sub-awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested

to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming sub-award from USC at an estimated amount of \$286,515 for the anticipated period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; consisting of United States Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS) funding. These funds will support DPH's personnel and operating expenses associated with the KIR-T project.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 Recommended Budget and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On August 21, 2012, your Board delegated authority to DPH to accept and implement a forthcoming sub-award from USC for the KIR project at an annual estimated amount of \$192,640 for the three-year period of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015.

On January 10, 2015, the US DHHS released Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number AH-TP1-15-002, CFDA No. 93.297 for Replicating Evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Programs to Scale in Communities with Greatest Need (Tier 1B). On March 31, 2015, USC submitted an application for funding with the understanding that USC would oversee the fiscal and administrative components of the resulting award and DPH the programmatic components, via a sub-award agreement with USC. The sub-award is anticipated to be released in late June or early July 2015.

At the request of USC, the forthcoming sub-award contains a mutual indemnification provision that requires your Board's approval. The mutual indemnification requires the County to indemnify and defend USC for claims that arise from the County's negligent acts or omissions with regard to performance under this sub-award. Similarly, USC will indemnify and defend the County for negligent acts or omissions of its employees.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds for the KIR-T project for the continued implementation and integration of evidenced-based interventions to prevent teen pregnancy, reduce sexual risk among adolescents, and provide an innovative community-focused initiative to reduce the rate of STDs among young men and women ages 12 to 25 in Los Angeles

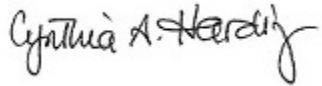
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia A. Harding".

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County Counsel
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